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The
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*Descriptive of that body
known as the*

Rosicrucian Fraternity

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*Founded by True Initiates
Four Centuries Ago
and Now—as Then—*

Masters of the Ages



*Recommended only to
Sincere Thinkers*

THE tenets of the faith—the foundation of its powerful and deathless philosophy—have been stated by one of the greatest Thinkers and Initiates of all time:

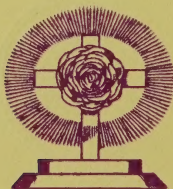
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“TRY! The soul grows tall and comely, and waxeth powerful and strong only as it putteth forth its Will! Mankind is of seven great orders; the last and greatest are the Genii of the Earth, the Children of the Starkain, the *Inheritors of the Temple*. Weak ones can never enter its vestibules, but only those who truly try, and trying for a time, at length become victors and enter in. Man fails because of feebleness of Will—succeeds because he arouses the Will and ever *keeps it wakeful*.”

The Soul World

By DR. P. B. RANDOLPH

First Supreme Grand Master of the Rosicrucian
Fraternity in America.



An Opportunity

AN UNUSUAL opportunity is now being extended to you. You are invited to join the Rosicrucian Fraternity—to become one among the School or Confraternity of Initiates.

It has been truly said that “many are called but few are chosen” to abide with us in absolute, full fellowship. There are several reasons for this:

First, too many people are hampered by haste, impatience, mistrust, fear, lack of application—and consequent failure to *grow* into complete communion with us.

Second, gabblement, the desire to tell all one knows, to speak of things that *should not* be mentioned, in order that the speaker may be considered a person of importance. “In silence alone is strength,” and the silent lip and steady head alone are worthy.

Third, because we can hold in close fellowship only those who are really anxious to attain the status of a Master and who, with true single purpose, enter the Path and refuse to deviate one iota therefrom.

Masters are men who gradually *overcome* and then *govern* circumstances, instead of permitting circumstances and environments to govern them. They become absolute Individualities, self-created Kings of Will, majestic of purpose and willing to suffer, if necessary, to attain the goal. For them, after the sacrifices, come the blessing and peace; after the labor, the reward.

If you are willing to overcome the handicaps of which we speak—if you are ready to travel the Path with us, and to obey the True Law unquestioningly—we invite you to take the initial steps *now*: first, by reading the message as imparted in this book; second, by sending to us your Application-Obligation for review by a Master now in the Work.

If you are truly sincere, the Way will be opened unto you.



A Rosicrucian Symbol (REGISTERED)

The 1773 Seal of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood

“**T**HE *Light* which, shining from the Councils of our Brotherhood, shall Illuminate all the world . . . A *Light* which, spoken into existence by the voice of God, shall do the Work of God in every human heart.” —*The Brotherhood of the Rosy Cross.*

What is Initiation?

A Definition—and a Warning

TRUE initiation is the result of a real *growth of the Soul*; it is the penetration into certain realms of the Cosmic Consciousness which before had not been accessible to him who goes through such an initiation. Access to these spiritual realms is attained only as a result of a *labor of self-improvement*; it is the reward of a *moral and spiritual regeneration of the individual* which cannot be conferred by any ritualistic initiation, or by the mere performance of outward ceremonies, irrespective of their grandeur.

These ceremonies may only *remind* one of certain exalted spiritual experiences which one has already passed through. To him who has not had the realization, all these ceremonies remain dead, unintelligible, and therefore useless. They may even be harmful, as such a person may imagine that, by participating in such rituals, he or she has acquired some real benefit or knowledge; whereas nothing has been actually acquired, because that person has not developed—through a certain mode of living and practices—those qualities and capacities which are necessary to assimilate Occult Truths.

A ritual can sometimes fix in one's consciousness that which has been once *experienced, lived through*, but it can never be effectively substituted for such a real experience.

The *School or Confraternity of Initiates*, known by many names throughout the centuries, but as the Rosicrucian Fraternity since the days of Andrea, has been the repository of all Occult knowledge and training and has kept the Ancient Landmarks free from all contaminating and debasing influences. The Fraternity possesses a ritual second to none, but ritualism is secondary to individual training and development and is no more than the outward portrayal of inner enlightenment and the unfoldment of wisdom and understanding.

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This Fraternity has been and continues faithful to the teachings and landmarks of the *Fama Fraternitatis* of 1614, and has registered its name for the protection of its Neophytes.

Its teachings and training have not been changed through the centuries because Basic Laws cannot change. The application of these Occult Laws, which lead to all power and understanding, is given a new interpretation and application to meet the conditions of the times, but in the basic teachings and the method of training there has been no need of change.

Rosicrucianism and Religion

RELIGIOUS beliefs or creeds—or lack of these—do not fundamentally affect your eligibility as a Neophyte in the Brotherhood. All that is required is a belief in the impartial Fatherhood of God, and the ultimate Universal Brotherhood of Man.

Furthermore, while our teachings do contain startling and extraordinary statements and beliefs, we boldly challenge any human being to point to any doctrine which has the slightest tendency to draw the soul one inch away from God. On the contrary, hosts have been saved from despair, suicide, and irremedial ruin by following these teachings.



What is the Rosicrucian Fraternity?

IN ALL civilized countries there are to be found at present many mystical and occult societies, orders, or brotherhoods which are spreading their teaching with more or less success, and mostly among the cultured classes of society.

Any seeker of the Light who meets for the first time with one of these societies and becomes interested in it would naturally want to know what its origin may be, what are its aims and the methods used for the attainment of its purposes.

We are endeavoring to give in the following pages short but clear answers as to the origin,¹ aims and methods of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. This is the more necessary, as among persons who are not well informed about the subject—and most people are not—many have very fantastic notions concerning Rosicrucianism. Besides, there have always been charlatans who, with selfish purposes, spread misleading information both as regards the origin and the character of this remarkable spiritual and humanitarian movement.

Early Wisdom Taught by Priests

AMONG all nations of antiquity there have existed, besides the popular religious cults adapted to the need and understanding of the masses, deep and secret philosophical, religious and mystical teachings. The priestly caste was, in ancient days, the keeper of this esoteric wisdom. The priests possessed also very valuable scientific and occult knowledge, which was kept secret. Only men of great intellectual power and exceptionally high moral character were allowed by the priests to learn this secret wisdom.

In some countries, especially in Egypt, the Initiation into these mysteries

¹ However much we might wish to give a history of the Fraternity, it is utterly impossible to do so in so small a compass. Those truly interested should read the book, *THE FRATERNITATIS ROSAE CRUCIS*, Philosophical Publishing Company, Quakertown, Pa., wherein will be found the history of the Order.

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was conducted in a very solemn, awe-inspiring manner, and required preliminary purification and probation, which sometimes lasted many years. The candidate had to prove that he possessed great courage, a thorough control of his passions and appetites, and genuine sincerity; that he was free from personal ambition and purely selfish motives.

Secrets Learned by Initiates

IF the candidate passed successfully all these tests and probations, then the initiating priest communicated to him a concept of the One True God, which was far more elaborate than the religious views held by the unenlightened mass of the people. The Initiate also learned the wisdom as to the pre-existence of the Soul, its Immortality and its many incarnations in physical bodies in order to gather experience and thus gain wisdom.

He was also taught the necessity of a moral and spiritual regeneration through successive initiations, which would ennoble his character, expand his consciousness and ultimately enable him to gain first-hand *knowledge* of God, to commune with Him and even to achieve complete union with God by means of a method of Deification.

The Initiate received also explanations concerning the true meaning of the sacred hieroglyphics, or the symbolic pictures representing the deities and of the myths told about the gods—a meaning not even suspected by the uninitiated. Those who reached the highest degree of initiation experienced high ecstatic states and thus realized by personal experience the existence of a spiritual world, and achieved a *Conscious Union* with the Central Fount of all life: *i. e.*, with the *Sacred Flame*, or God.

To such high Initiates the leaders of the priestly caste gave access to all the treasures of their traditional wisdom; to the teachings as to the various cosmic planes and the spiritual Hierarchies inhabiting them; as to cosmogony, the origin and history of the human race and the occult forces *latent* in the soul of *every* man, but usually left unheeded—not even suspected.

Priests Jealous of Their Knowledge

BUT it is a law of Nature that in the long run every form, *unless it perfects itself*, is outlived, deteriorates and ultimately perishes, in order to be replaced by better, more perfect forms adapted to new conditions. It is therefore natural that, as the culture of a nation would degenerate, the religious Mysteries of that nation would share its deterioration. The priestly caste, much like the political parties, of all nations ultimately became arrogant, ambitious,

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meddlesome, fanatic on some theme or subject, and sought to grasp the political control of power in order to use it for purposes of its own.

The priests of Egypt, India and other Oriental countries did not remain contented to be spiritual advisers and teachers. They craved power, honors and riches. They selfishly tried to keep all useful knowledge to themselves, giving out as little as possible to other classes of society, even when fitted for it, thus keeping the toiling masses in ignorance and subjection, degraded by all manner of superstitions.

They Are Forced to Impart It

HOWEVER, the priests were ultimately forced to impart at least some of the Wisdom, some teaching of the Mysteries, not only to the rulers and their ministers, but also to persons occupying in society a much humbler rank: to architects, artists and even to exceptionally skilled artisans.

This was unavoidable, as the priests needed the help of such persons in order to build those majestic, beautiful temples where the solemn rites of the religious cults were celebrated. And in the subterranean caves² of such temples the priests performed their mysterious initiations and kept important secret documents, ancient manuscripts of philosophical and scientific character to which only the high Initiates had access.

The initiated architects were members and leaders of the guild of masons and other artisans belonging to the building trades; they were in continual contact with the workmen. Many of these architects who were not bound by the strict discipline of the priestly caste were free-thinkers and lovers of freedom.

The Mysteries Are Passed Along

SUCH learned and initiated architects, being leaders of the guilds existing in the building trades, instituted among the artisans belonging to these guilds brotherhoods possessing their own peculiar Mysteries, but having a democratic and free spirit, very different from that of the corrupted priestly Mysteries.

We must not forget that these learned architects, who had built the wonderful temples of antiquity, so amazing in their beauty and their grandeur, possessed much of the secret knowledge which was originally the monopoly of the priestly caste.

² See THE PHILOSOPHY OF FIRE, Philosophical Publishing Company, Quakertown, Pa.

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Modern Freemasonry Holds a Remnant

IT is held by some authorities on Masonry that out of such brotherhoods of artisans, led by Initiated architects, there arose the later modern Freemasonry,* which is thus a remnant of the ancient Mysteries of the Priesthood.

Unfortunately, however, the great majority of modern Freemasons—even many of those initiated into the higher degrees—have not been instructed in the esoteric meaning of the rituals which they possess and the emblems with which they adorn their lodges. And thus they fail to understand that meaning—because it can be understood *only* by True Initiates; *i. e.*, by those who have reached a certain degree of moral and spiritual development.

But—the Mysteries have not perished! For, while modern Ritualists possess some of the outward forms of the ancient mystical essence, this essence has been preserved through the ages by several mystical and occult brotherhoods—of which the (true) Rosicrucian Fraternity is one!

The Origin of Rosicrucianism

LET us now turn back to mediæval times—centuries later than the period just under discussion—but connected with that earlier era by a long line of members in the mystic union who kept the Fire alight, and passed its Light down through the ages.

Mystic Students of Mediæval Time

DURING the seventeenth century, then, despite the persecution of all independent thinkers by the various Inquisitions of that age, there existed not only among scientists, professors, doctors and others—but also among monks who pursued scientific and philosophical studies under protection of the walls of their monasteries—persons who were secret students of the ancient Hermetic sciences; *i. e.*, of alchemy, astrology, magic and the Hermetic philosophy.

Such persons were often deeply religious and sincere followers of the moral and religious teachings of Jesus Christ. They understood his religion, however, as an ethical and mystical teaching concerning life, not as a dogmatic theological system as was proclaimed by the church.

All these students of old were far from sympathetic with the ambitious

*There is no connection whatever between the Rosicrucian Fraternity and Freemasonry. One is philosophical and in part ritualistic, while the other is ritualistic and social—a true fraternal organization.

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political plans of the popes and the ecclesiastical hierarchy, and deplored the despotism, greed and moral corruption of the clergy and the persecutions of free thought, and of all the so-called heretics.

They Unite in Secret Societies

MANY of these occult and religious students united into secret societies which—in spite of the persecutions instigated by the popes and their faithful helpers—faithfully preserved the traditional secret Wisdom which had come down through the ages from the Pythagoreans, the Essenes, the Gnostics, the followers of Plato and from Oriental mystical brotherhoods.

Many celebrated scientists, thinkers and mystics of the mediæval times preceding the Reformation were members and leaders of such secret societies. Such were, for instance, the celebrated mystic and alchemist, Raymond Lully; the learned monk, Roger Bacon; the Abbot Trithemius of Spandau and the famous physician, Theophrastus Paracelsus.

When the Reformation began in Germany, one of the prominent mystics of that time, Valentin Andrea, whose ideals and views were shared by many of his friends, resolved to make an attempt to unite into a single Fraternity some of the most advanced mystics belonging to the various occult societies and brotherhoods. The aim that Valentin Andrea had in view was the fusion of a mystic interpretation of Christianity—such as had been given by Suzo, Tauler, Meister Eckhart, Simon Studion, Johann Schaeffler and others—with the ancient Hermetic Wisdom of Egypt and the teachings of the Oriental Mystics.

The Cross and Rose Are Joined

THIS group of Occultists and Initiates chose as the emblem of their new Fraternity a combination of the Cross and the Rose.

The organization was successful, and thus arose in the very beginning of the seventeenth century (1614) the Rosicrucian Fraternity which became the heir both of the wisdom and of the ancient Mysteries and of the best thought of Christian mysticism, Higher Occultism and Individual Soul development.

The Rosicrucian Brotherhood, which was in touch with the Occult and Initiatory brotherhood of Egypt and the Orient, gradually took firm root in nearly all European countries.

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The Fraternity Established in America

IN the year 1856, Dr. Paschal Beverly Randolph, a High Initiate of all the Occult Fraternities in Europe and the Supreme Grand Master of the Rosicrucian Fraternity in France, returned to America and with the help of other high Initiates, notably General Ethan Allen Hitchcock, first established a number of Lodges and then the Supreme Grand Lodge for America and the Isles of the sea.

This American Grand Body has continued working *without interruption* since its establishment and today remains the only legitimate representative of the original Rosicrucian movement.



The Aims and Teachings of the Rosicrucian Fraternity

ALL true Rosicrucians have held that the only true aim which should be pursued by an occult brotherhood is the *moral and spiritual regeneration, first, of separate individuals, and, ultimately, of the whole human race.*

Only as a result of such regeneration can the Soul of man be awakened, and receive *Illumination* from on high, know God and establish communion with Him. And this is the true purpose of man's life—only this can give him true happiness by liberating him from the thralldom of sin and from the suffering always accompanying sin, and by enabling man to overcome the fear of death through realizing clearly its illusory nature.

Salvation Through RIGHT LIVING

THE Rosicrucians teach that salvation is achieved not through belief in certain unintelligible dogmas, or through the performance of certain ceremonies, but by acquiring the knowledge of truth and by *living* in accordance with this knowledge.

We teach that salvation comes only through regeneration and that regeneration comes as a result of renouncing error, accepting Truth and working hard at bringing our life—our *thinking, feeling, willing and acting*—into Perfect agreement with the Truth.

Development of Physical Organism

THE Rosicrucians do not advocate an extreme asceticism, a contempt of the body and its needs, as taught by the monastic Orders, the early American sectarians and by certain mystic orders of the Orient. The Rosicrucian teaching is that the physical organism of man must be harmoniously developed through proper diet, the correct control of the sex forces, and breathing exercises adapted to racial and individual peculiarities—so that the body may become an obedient servant of the Soul and a fit temple of the Divinity which dwells in a truly Illuminated man.

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Marriage Teachings

THE Initiates of the Rosicrucian Fraternity believe in marriage and the sacredness of the marriage relationship, but teach that Love is the only bond that can hold the twain in Unity. They teach to their Acolytes (or Neophytes) a higher method of generative principles and a mode of *re-generation*—God's way as sanctioned by the Law—which confers greater power, and which does not make of men and women empty shells as now so frequently results from purely physical embrace.

This method maintains youth and youthfulness of the spirit, and holds in check premature old age and senility. It inculcates a natural exchange and the storage of forces of the physical, mental, and spiritual man.

We hold, in fact, that no power ever comes to man through the intellect (the intellect being cold, while wisdom is of the heart and founded in love). We say that power comes only to the Soul through Love (not lust, mind you), but *love*, the undying primal *Fire-life*, subtending the basis of being—the formative flowing floor of the world—the true sensing of which is the beginning of the road to personal power.

Love lieth at the foundation and is the *synonym* of life and strength and clingingness. Thus it happens that a *loving couple grow youthful in Soul* because, in their union, they strike this Divine Spark, *replenish themselves with the essence of life*, grow stronger and less brutal and draw down to themselves the divine Fire from the Aerial spaces.

This happens now only by accident. Couples not loving exhaust each other and wear their souls to shreds, so that after death they enter the ethereal realms in a state of immortal scrawniness, requiring a long lapse to reach celestial plumpitude. We claim methods of averting all this.

We believe (and *teach*) also:

—that true manhood is more or less *en rapport* with one or more of the Upper or Invisible Hierarchies of Intelligent Potentialities, and that there are *means* whereby a person may become associated with and receive instructions from them.

—in the Æth Mystery of the Will which, properly cultivated, as the Priesthood teaches it, is the highest aid to man.

—that we, The Rosicrucian Brotherhood, alone hold the true knowledge of the latent energies of Celestial Fire; that we understand the laws of Love, Will and Ethereal force and the principles and modes of their evolution and development; that we understand crystalliza-

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tion, the result aimed at being the elimination of the gross, and their orderly consolidation into Personal Power.

—that we know there are certain aims, forces, ends, energies, powers and abilities longed for vainly by untold millions of people, both men and women, throughout the world. *We know the road to these*, and we are able to direct the wayfarer in the paths that, though he or she be a mere weakling, one cannot go astray.

—in The Law of Thought which is taught to the student—as are those of Image Formation, and Vivification (or giving life and reality) of the Image.

—In its Arcane work, the Great Breath Mystery is fully explained, so that the student will have a sure foundation upon which to work.

These are but a few of the innumerable important Laws which have been taught to the Acolytes in the Fraternity for the past centuries and are still part of the instructions given. This knowledge and training are *yours* if you enroll with us and place yourself under the guidance of the Master Teachers connected with the Order.

Practical Methods—Complete Instruction

ROSICRUCIANISM is not an abstract philosophical teaching, but a practical inculcation concerning the Laws of Life (as partially outlined); and this can be mastered only through the right kind of living (which we also teach).

The Rosicrucian Fraternity (member of the Confederation of Initiates) thus gives *complete* instructions—dealing with much of the fascinating history of ancient secret schools, mystic symbols and the like; aiding the Neophyte (or the student) in casting out his present doubts and fears, replacing these with courage and conviction; enabling him, or her, to develop the WHOLE SELF—body, mind and *soul*; to the end that “ye be born anew.”

Rosicrucia, the Rosy Cross and all that is Rosicrucian, must be considered as a thoroughly ethical Society dealing with the welfare of *human Souls*, and by the Ancient Landmarks is, like Masonry, *forbidden* to advertise or to proselyte for members, and its only means of approach is by means of conservative literature and books dealing with its history and philosophy, and this booklet is, therefore, an invitation to you to investigate.

“*Rosicrucia* is spiritual, not material; a Fraternity rather than an Order [an Order nevertheless]. Its members are gathered from the East and West, from among the lofty and lowly, the learned and the unlearned, wherever there are free Souls, and sympathetic

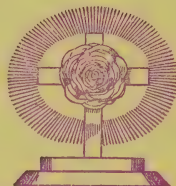
Seals, Signatures, Insignia



House of Simon Studion.
Signature of Militia Crucifera Evangelica. "Door" of Fra. C. C. C.



The House or Coat of Arms of Andrea, First Visible Head of the Fra. R. C. C. Author of Fama Fraternitatis.



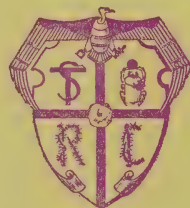
First Signature of the See or House of S. S. S. The Original Rosicrucian Signature.

IN THE beginning of any *basic* work which has a real mission to perform, whether this be an Association of men or the foundation of a new State or Country, one of the first acts is to choose a representative or comprehensive name and then a symbolic seal. Once the seal was known as a "Coat of Arms" or a "House" and, when used in deeply spiritual affairs, the signature of the "See." This Seal, Insignia or Coat of Arms is forever thereafter known as the "Signature" of that work, because it is recognized by all concerned as the symbolization of that Work.

Names and symbols are used in a similar way for individuals who have a special mission to perform in life as regards spiritual affairs. When a man, after long study, careful training and repeated trials, finally *proves* himself, and is spiritually accepted by the Hierarchies, he is given a spiritual name and with it a symbol of his office, to be used by him as a seal or otherwise, to prove his



The House of Brown, Third Grand Master of the Rosy Cross in America. See of Salem.



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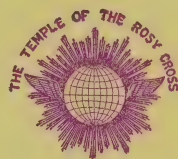
Houses and Coats of Arms



The House or Signature of Randolph. Conferred by Hierarchy at Frankfort-on-Main.



Signature of the House or See of S. S. S. The Supreme Grand Lodge, Rosicrucian Brotherhood of America, Beginning 1856-8.



The House or the See of F. B. Dowd, Second Grand Master of the Fra. R. S. C. S. in America.

standing and authority in the association of men to which he belongs, as well as to indicate special accomplishments.

Every individual who has become, first, an Initiate in the Brotherhood of the Rosy Cross, and, second, has been selected as a Grand Master of the Fraternity, receives such a symbol, insignia or coat of arms from the Hierarchy; this is known as his *Signature* or "House," and thus we say: The *House of Andrea* or *House of Randolph*, and his authority and his work are thereafter recognized by his insignia.

The United States, because of the Mystic Prophecy made concerning it, has a working Seal and also an *unfinished* or prophetic Seal, this latter portraying the Mystic mission of the Nation, and to be used only after that work has been accomplished. This Seal is known as the "House of the United States of a United People."



The House of Clymer, Present Supreme Grand Master of the original Fra. R. S. C. S. See at Beverly Hall.



The Mystic Seal of all the United States. A Prophecy of What *is to be*.

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and aspiring natures. It embraces all ages, races and climes, and reaches from the visible far into the invisible realms of being. *Silence, secrecy* and unpretending good works are its characteristics, and *one member may pass his life next door to another and neither be aware of the bond between them unless some stress of need draws the curtain aside.* The law of Silence is particularly emphasized, obedience to the injunction to 'enter into the closet and shut the door' being imperative on all who would have access to the sources of power."—*Freeman B. Dowd in The Temple, 1897.* This is the *Ancient Law* as well as the *Spirit* of the August Fraternity. This organization, sometimes known as the "Randolph Foundation," which has had Councils in America since 1773³ and a Supreme Grand Lodge since 1858, most sacredly adheres to all of the ancient landmarks, inculcates the original wisdom, follows in the footsteps of the Old Masters in the training of its Neophytes and adapts the original Laws Leading to Mastership to meet modern conditions.



³ See the book, DR. P. B. RANDOLPH IN FRANCE, Philosophical Publishing Company, Quakertown, Pa.

PART TWO

*“The Right Use
of Knowledge
Is Power”*

The Path to Power

SINCE the beginning of time, *real* men and women have desired *power*. They have sought, as you are seeking, for a means of self-improvement, or a betterment of their position in life.

In some people, this desire has gone beyond control—has become a greed that demanded control over others, has produced the ancient and the modern dictator. In such cases, the very power that has been sought inevitably destroys the seeker.

Why? Is it because this desire for power is in itself wrong? No, no, and again no! The urge to rise which you feel within yourself is a natural, a rightful urge.

How, then, to translate this urge into action—how find the power that you seek, the power to accomplish the ends you have in view, the goal you would like to reach?

Seek knowledge first! Then—and this is most important, learn to use this knowledge!

Knowledge Alone Not Power

“KNOWLEDGE IS POWER,” as an axiom, has come to us from down the centuries and, seemingly, has never been challenged by anyone. The Initiate (one who KNOWS) admits that knowledge is power, but contends that this is stating a half-truth only and, in many respects, is deceptive and misleading. Therefore, he maintains that knowledge is power (constructively so) only when *right use is made of the knowledge possessed*.

Hence, the axiom *should* read, “The right use of knowledge is power.”

It is only by the constructive use of his energies that man may obtain *true* efficiency for himself. And it is the purpose of the Higher Occult, through the medium of secret Fraternities, to *teach* this constructive use to those who really aspire; to show these sincere men and women the “way” that leads the acolyte to all things desirable—whether they be wealth, health, success, happiness, peace of mind or the faculties and beatitudes belonging particularly to the Soul itself.

How many men and women there are whose lives are incomplete—who live from day to day in the shadow of ungained desires; who, if they are in business, are “in a rut”; or whose domestic or home life is a silly, boresome round of petty happenings—or a tragic road of maladjustment and unhappiness!

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“The Way” Open to All

“IS THERE no way out?” they cry. Indeed there *is* a way! The hope they hold—the instinctive knowledge they possess that there *must* be a better Path of Life—is a real indication that such a Path exists.

Again, there are those who, unknowing, have progressed along this Path—to whom some measure of success and happiness has come—but who seem to have reached their own “limit.” Is greater happiness—success—power—attainable by these more fortunate humans? By all means!

To all who read this message, we, the Rosicrucian Fraternity, say: there is in our possession a Body of Knowledge, and known, proved methods of applying this knowledge which have and can be used by *anyone* as a means to Power and Happiness.

We claim to know the Great Secret, and to be able to teach all mankind many things concerning the body, soul, will, prolongation of existence, and Concentration of Mental Energy seldom dreamed of by modern thinkers.

A New Life for YOU

AND a new life cannot be brought forth without pain and the shedding of old decay. New ideas are not born in the mind without the pains and pangs of parturition. To free ourselves of our old ingrained errors of false teachings is like having to tear up by the root the snag of one's own teeth with one's own hand.

New Light and life, however, do not come to impoverish but to enrich, and no harm can befall the nature of that which is eternally true. It is only that within man which is based on falsehood and error that fears the transfiguring torch of light.

We, the Rosicrucians, Hold These Things to Be True

WE, the Rosicrucian Fraternity or Rosicrucian Brotherhood, further hold that there are Æthereal (special) centers of Love, of Power, of Force, of Energy, of Goodness for, and of, every kind, grade, species and order of knowledge known to man—and whereof man knows nothing.

Let us examine for a moment a few of the other “systems,” so called, some of the “laws of living” which claim to give freedom and ultimate salvation to their followers.

Certain of these totally ignore the body, mortify the flesh (the teachings of the self-styled Hindu “Swamis”) and render life truly a semi-graveyard procedure from birth to death. Others allow the utmost limit of materialism and license to the elect, and roundly berate all others outside their pale.

Soul Salvation Not Enough

Most current systems in this country, however, bend all their energies towards the salvation of men’s souls, and, in spending their time in trying to get souls into heaven, lose sight of the bodies which hold these souls. They are practically consigned to another place, so lightly are they held. These systems wholly lose sight of the fundamental principle of human nature, which is to take delight in doing the very thing which is sternly forbidden.

We KNOW that the body, on earth, is of as great value as the Soul, for without the body (a good body at that) Soul development is an utter impossibility. Therefore, we teach the equal development of *both* body and Soul.

The Vision of Æth

WE HOLD that there is a POSITIVE pole to the Soul, the place of which cannot be taught in any book. We declare, however, that the student, if he is faithful, cannot only learn where the Pole is, but that he may be able to SEE the Soul with his physical eyes; that he cannot only see the Soul, but that if he becomes an Initiate, which he can if he is faithful, see the Æth as well in all its wonderful power and beauty.

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Furthermore, we maintain that he can USE and direct the Æth for health and healing, for love and success, and for the coming into touch with any of the Invisible Hierarchies if his purpose is for good.

These things, and many more, the Rosicrucian Fraternity holds to be true. These things, we say, are within your grasp. They can become yours if you join with us—travel the Path with us—prove yourself worthy to receive them. Details as to how you may do this are given elsewhere.

Fear the DESTROYER

Do you still hesitate to take the first step? What holds you back? Some lack of conviction? Perhaps. But more than likely, FEAR—fear the destroyer.

“What is man but a god who is afraid,” wrote the great Maeterlinck.

It is fear that paralyzes man’s natural forces. Fear that retards his progress and compels him to retrace his steps, though he knows that the path whereon he has trod, and can tread still farther, is the way to life and all that is worth while.

Here is a most significant legend of fear:

The traveler met the Black Plague on the way to Bagdad.

“Where are you going?” he asked.

“To Bagdad, to slay five thousand,” replied Plague.

Weeks later, the traveler met the Black Plague returning and greeted it:

“You said you were going to kill only five thousand, but I am told fifty thousand died.”

“I slew only five thousand,” replied Plague; “the other forty-five thousand perished from fear.”

It is fear that shackles the natural processes of man, that retards his progress; it is fear that induces the Neophyte to retrace his steps, that causes him to fail and die.

IF MAN would walk with the Masters, he must look where he has been commanded: in the sanctuaries of his own being, in the pathways of his daily life.

Soul Consciousness, the ultimate of Occult development, and such as results from passing through true initiation, is a new world of truth and reality, of understanding and wisdom; a new life in an old world.

As You Travel the Path

WHAT more can we tell you—what do you wish to know of what lies ahead of those who seek the Path to Power? The Secrets which we teach cannot, of course, be publicly broadcast. This much, however, can be told:

Declaring that true manhood is more or less *en rapport* with one or more of the Upper or Invisible Hierarchies of Intelligent Potentialities, earth-born and not earth-born, we believe that there are *means* whereby a person may become associated with and receive instructions from them.

More than that, that it is possible to develop so that the Soul will emit a peculiar Light, discernible across the gulfs of space by these intellectual powers, just as we discern a diamond from far off. We believe that such are signals to the beholders, and they then will, and do, cross chasmal reaches to save, succor and assist the Initiate, just as a brother here flies to the relief of him who shall give the grand hailing signal of distress.

The Æth Mystery of Will

THIS is *provable*. This Æth Mystery of the Will, properly cultivated, and as the Order teaches it, is the highest aid to man. It is the miracle-working potentiality which comes only to the free and unshackled human soul. While to women, it is the only salvation from vampirism and slavery. It is the shield and buckler of her power, and the groundwork upon which must be builded the real rule of her influence in the world and at home.

The Rosicrucian Brotherhood claims that it alone has the true knowledge of the latent energies of Celestial Fire; that we understand the laws of Love, Will, and Æthereal force and the principles and modes of their evolution or development; that we understand crystallization, the result aimed at being the elimination of the gross, and their orderly consolidation into Personal Power.

The ROAD to Many MYSTERIES

WE KNOW that there are certain aims, forces, ends, energies, powers and

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abilities longed for vainly by untold millions of people, both men and women, throughout the world.

We know the road to these, and we are able to direct the wayfarer in the paths that, though he or she be a mere weakling, they cannot go astray.

In the course of human life millions sigh for the powers that will help them to become that which they desire to be—an object that is most worthy, for God intended that all men should be successful. All these are helped, for we teach them *HOW* to accomplish that which they desire.

We assist others by the exertion of the Æthic Force of the Soul, teaching them how to increase the Dynamic Life Force through the Three Principles; and the power of prolonging specific energy through the single Breath Force.

Other SECRETS WE TEACH

THE Law of Thought is the first law that is taught to the student. The second law, and the basis of the Highest Soul Powers, even in true White Magic, is Image Formation, for without this nothing can be accomplished. After this comes the Vivification of the Image, or giving life to that which the Magic Will has created.

Then, we must understand the Law of Image Projection, or the sending forth of the powerful Will-Child, the accomplishment of things desired. All these things are accomplished in the Chamber of Silence.

A Master (of the Rosicrucian Fraternity) once wrote: "Nature is filled with influences and beings, all responsive to the will of mankind, when he shall learn how they may be reached and commanded. By whatever means, however, that we invoke the powers of Nature, it is always accomplished by our Soul Power of creating Forms, aided by the developed will in projecting these into Being."

This quotation, short though it is, gives an insight into the remarkable power of a Master. All these Laws are taught, and have been taught for hundreds of years, by the Rosicrucian Fraternity and Æth Priesthood. Furthermore, all the Laws concerning the Development of Soul—and the Formation, Vivification, Commanding and Directing of these Powers are fully taught to the student in the course of his training.

The Brotherhood once said: "We admit, and triumphantly, that we believe in the 'Elixir of Life' and that the human stay on earth can be prolonged *a great deal* beyond the storied three score and ten." The student is fully taught concerning the Vitalizing process which permits this.

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Its Arcane work, or the "Chamber of the Winds," the Great Breath Mystery is fully taught to the student, so that he will have a sure foundation upon which to work. This in itself leads to the formation of the greater Æth, which gives man the Creating Power.

Pathway to the Soul World

ALL the How and Why of finding the Soul and delving with intelligence into the pure knowledge of the Soul World is given in full in the Æth Drill—the Pathway to the Soul World.

These are but a few of the Secrets now made available to you—a few only of the many steps will be shown to you along your Path to Power.

Can you take the path—can you hope for a *successful journey along the Path*? YES, a thousand times yes! If you have the *will* to start, the *will* to continue, the determination to "keep everlastingly at it," you *can* become a Rosicrucian—a Master of Power.

Environments—the surroundings and habits of our daily lives—are the chains that hold man to earth and all that is of the other. But the time comes, AS IT HAS COME TO YOU NOW, when, truly to live and not merely to exist, you must make the break from undesirable or retarding associations and seek for more suitable and more elevating spiritual and mental surroundings.

You must be willing to have full trust in the Law, forsaking the old; you must be ready and willing to begin life anew, blazing a new trail, a different path from the former. This new way, if followed faithfully and understandingly, *will* lead to success.

It is within the province of this Fraternity to instruct all who seek to be taught how to master material conditions to begin with; then how to overcome, to gain freedom from the environments that bind the student to virtual slavery.

For centuries the watchword of The Rosicrucian Fraternity has been:

*"There Is No Difficulty
to Him Who Truly Wills"*

The Privilege of ENROLLMENT in the Original Rosicrucian Fraternity is YOURS for a *Limited Period Only*



OST BEGINNERS, we find, prefer to enroll as Neophytes in the Fraternity.

In this grade the student, or Neophyte, receives, by mail, approximately two Lessons a month dealing with the Rosicrucian Philosophy and the Arcane System of Development and training—as partially outlined in this booklet—and as employed by the Fraternity during the past four centuries.

The system of study and training followed in these Lessons remains almost identical with that which has been followed since the first days of the foundation of the Fraternity. In the very beginning it was found that the isolated student could make greater progress than was possible in group study.

Because of this, the instructions (and these Lessons) were prepared in such manner that it is easy for the Neophyte to study, to understand and to actually practice what they teach; *i. e.*, live in such manner as to *become* that which he is taught in the Lessons.

Lessons are PERSONAL

IT IS NOT to be understood that these lessons are such as might be practical in a book or similar publication. The Laws taught are, of course, fundamental and in a sense applicable to all people with similar desires, but the distinction lies here: each lesson contains a *system of practice or development*, and because each person is a law to himself (or herself) the lessons are adapted to the individual, and thus become immediately *personal*.

These instructions are to be carefully studied and faithfully practiced, as it is only through practice that the Neophyte will be able to grow toward his Goal either physically, mentally, materially, or spiritually.

Individual Help

IN MOST instances these Lessons are so complete and detailed that little corre-

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spondence is necessary, but wherever there is need of additional instructions or guidance, the Neophyte is at liberty to write to Headquarters and to receive additional help.

Many Neophytes are in immediate need of specific help of one kind or another, such as instructions for the gaining of health, the attainment of a special goal, success in business and other affairs of life. These are privileged to write to Headquarters, and will receive help from someone connected with the Great Work who is fully qualified to offer such services.

There is no extra charge for this unless the problem must be placed before some specialist who is not connected with the Fraternity and its Work, and this is never done without first consulting with the one seeking assistance.

How Much Time?

THE question is frequently asked: *Must* a certain amount of time be devoted to the study and practice of this Work? The answer to this is no.

However, as in all else in life, progress depends upon the time and effort devoted to the Work. The student who really is in love with the Work will naturally seek to find time to devote to it.

If the student will devote but thirty minutes on concentrated study and practice, preferably in the evening, then ultimate success is assured him. Surely any one sincere in his search for so great a treasure can find that much time out of every twenty-four hours.

How to Enroll

THOSE wishing to enroll as Neophytes must first fill out the Application-Obligation blank, and return to the Fraternity with the Enrollment Fee of \$3.25. Your application will be examined and, if found satisfactory, you will be enrolled at once and instructions and Lessons will begin to issue. (If for any reason your application is not found satisfactory, your Enrollment Fee will be returned to you.)

Dues

THEREAFTER the dues to be paid are \$1.75 a month as long as the Neophyte continues with the School and under training. The exact time required to pass

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through the Neophyte stage varies so greatly with individuals that no definite time limit can be set. Also, those who attain to Mastership usually continue with the Fraternity indefinitely, as they might continue their membership in any other society—since they find in the Rose Cross an everlasting course of *complete* life.

Payment NOT for Instruction

It is to be clearly understood that monies remitted to the Fraternity are in no sense payment for instructions. Wisdom cannot be bought, whether by outright payment or monthly stipends. Such money is used for the sole and legitimate purpose of covering actual expenses of operation; cost of paper, postage, printing, multigraphing and the multitudinous other necessities in a work of this nature.

It is, finally, to be remembered that all monies paid are under the Mystical or Occult Law of Exchange, all Laws of God and Nature demanding that for whatever we receive we must give.

Your Prompt Action Advised

TODAY you have been selected to be invited into this ancient and unusual order. This is a real privilege extended only to few whom we believe especially desirable as brothers in the bond. Tomorrow the gate may be barred and you may knock in vain.

Today the treasure house of the ages is yours to explore and use. It may completely revolutionize *your* life,—bring you undreamed-of experiences, thrilling wisdom.

It may lead you to exhilarating Success, radiant Health, rhythmic Marriage, abundant Prosperity, enduring and Soul-Satisfying Happiness and Freedom of Personality, a Peace that is not of the world.

You are invited to accept this high opportunity *today*—at once—by filling out and returning the enclosed Enrollment Blank, with your deposit of \$3.25 pending your acceptance or rejection by the See.

**“The Truth Shall
Make You Free!”**

OTHER GRADES OR DEGREES

and Points of Information

THE ever-present dream of every true Occult student and seeker after Initiation is to hold a Life Scholarship with all its rights and privileges. This is something truly worth striving for, a present to oneself which will return untold benefits during all of life respecting the three-fold being of body, mind and Soul, as also after the *change* called death, due to the connections made with the Hierarchies or White Brotherhood during life.

Such a Scholarship includes the entire course of instructions as given by the Rosicrucian Fraternity, the training which is part of *Imperial Eulis*, and, lastly, complete instructions in the Higher Occult. Nor is this all. After certain phases of the training have been completed, then Occult manuscripts unknown to any but the Initiate-Masters are open to such students. Those truly sincere and desiring further information may write for the beautiful Monographs, THE CONFEDERATION OF INITIATES and THE SECRET SCHOOLS.

Books and Other Printed Literature

IRRESPECTIVE of the plan under which the student enrolls he is at no time compelled to buy books. Certain books are offered from time to time, but failure to get them does not in any way affect his standing as a student.

Lodges and Circles

YOU MAY be acquainted with one or more of those who are already enrolled with the Fraternity; on the other hand, it is easily possible that there is a Temple or Circle actively working within walking distance from your dwelling place and yet wholly unknown to you or to anyone else not a member of the Fraternity.

Some of the most powerful Centers, Temples and Members are altogether unknown to any but the officers of the Fraternity, because it is their desire

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that this be so. In all instances where the members of such Temples and Circles desire to remain unknown, students can become locally connected with them only after they have attained to a certain stage of development.

Other Information

Send all communications in letter form. Postal cards are ignored.

Requests for monographs should be to the address below.

Appointments for interviews must be made at least ten days in advance.

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